of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable mills etc. The plan was to be implemented through generation of funds from the sale of surplus land/assets of NTC. Major portion of this land is located in Mumbai. The State Government of Maharashtra has yet given their approval for sale of land. Moreover, in case of 4 subsidiaries of NTC viz. NTC (UP), NTC (Guj.), NTC (WBAB&O) and NTC (MP), BIFR have not approved the plan on account of their net worth not becoming positive during the prescribed period. In view of the above the revival strategy could not be implemented.

On the basis of a unit-wise viability study made by NTC, Government is considering a revised turn around plan for the viable subsidiaries of NTC alongwith the viable mills under them keeping in view the BIFR norms of net worth of these mills turning positive within the period prescribed by BIFR. The inerest of the workers will be kept in view in the Revival Plan.

Crimes in the Country

*354. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of crimes committed in the country, State-wise, during the last three years, cirme type-wise and year-wise;

(b) the number of atrocities like rape, molestation, committed against women in these States, separately, during the same period, year-wise:

(c) the atrocities committed against scheduled castes and scheduled tribes; and

(d) the reaction of Government on the pattern thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Available information in regard to IPC crimes during the last three years, i.e., 1996, 1997 and 1998, is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 58-A).

(b) Available information in regard to crimes against women during the relevant period is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 58-B).

(c) Available information pertaining to crimes committed against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is given in Annexures (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 58-E).

(d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subject as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. As such, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system to ensure prevention of atrocities against women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other vulnerable sections of the society. The Government of India has also been extending financial assistance to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure.